“Il Giro della Sellaronda”
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VetsOnTour is pleased to announce the 2020 Conference in the Italian Alps.

**Dates: 18 -25 January 2020**

The conference will include 6 consecutive days skiing in the biggest ski area in the world, Dolomiti Superski

**Location: Selva di Val Gardena**

A private bus transfer will collect the group from and return you to Venice Marco Polo airport.

Alternative transfer arrangements will be organised on a needs basis for guests who wish to reach Selva from a different origin. (Further details are provided on the Travel and Transfers page).
The conference will address a range of topics of professional and special interest to all members.

Conference programme:
The final programme will be released later in the year, once presentations have been collated. Any questions should be directed to the Conference Convener - Dr Dave Collins (contact details provided on the last page).

Registration: Delegates/Full registration:

$990

This covers attendance at all conference sessions, conference welcome function and conference dinner.

Guests:
Extra person (over 16) accompanying delegate - $150 each

Registration and booking details: Refer to the last page

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The Dolomites are widely acclaimed as one of the most beautiful and awe inspiring alpine regions in the world. The area is renowned for its breathtaking panoramas and pristine alpine environment. Massive spires and towering cliffs, stand majestically above quiet snow covered valleys and tiny villages. The silence can be deafening...

"They are the most beautiful architectural construction in the world" - Le Corbusier

Ancient villages and traditional farm houses lie scattered along the valleys, and contribute to the special atmosphere of the area. Old castles and monasteries, tiny churches, and cow sheds, all sit quietly against spectacular backdrop of snow capped mountains. It is a timeless, tranquil, and mystical place that has served as a setting for many fairy stories.

The culture of the area is all pervasive.... the sound of church bells, the smell of fresh baked pastries, or a friendly ‘ci vediamo’ as you walk to the ski lift. You can’t escape the magic of the Dolomites.
The spectacular scenery of the Dolomites is legendary, and it is home to the world’s largest ski area.

Among the majestic mountains and quiet valleys lies a true skiers paradise. A vast network of state-of-the-art, interconnected ski lifts and ski trails that can take literally weeks, and sometimes, lifetimes to explore.

Over 1200 kilometres of meticulously groomed runs, with 450 lifts, stretching across 12 valleys! Staggering is the only way to describe it - and all accessible on one single electronic lift pass.

At the heart of the ‘Dolomiti Superski’ ski area is the famous ‘Sella Ronda’ ski carousel. A 30 km multi-directional circular lift system that acts as a central ‘hub’ connecting four separate ski regions, and linking 500 kms of trails. Its possible to ski for days and never take the same lift twice!

The vastness of the ski trail network opens up endless possibilities for skiers. Each day becomes a new adventure as you will set out to explore distant valleys with your professional qualified local guide.
Dolomiti Superski: endless possibilities
The beautiful village of Selva di Val Gardena (1,563m) is picturesquely situated amidst the UNESCO Heritage Dolomites. It lies at the top of the Gardena Valley where the road starts climbing up to the Gardena Pass which leads to Alta Badia.

It is an idyllic spot in a wide, sunny valley surrounded by snow capped mountains in winter and green meadows in summer.

With its 2,600 permanent residents is not too small whilst retaining an intimate and stylish atmosphere.

For decades now the South Tyrolean hamlet is considered one of the most famous villages in the Alps.

Selva is acclaimed amongst winter sports resorts in the Alps. It is a regular venue of the Alpine Ski World Cup with the famous Men’s Downhill on the Sasslong run in December every year.

It is a popular destination for discerning skiers who are looking for a destination with real character. Perfectly positioned on the “Sellaronda” ski trails – providing immediate ski access to adjacent valleys and ski areas it is serviced by cable cars, lifts, chairlifts which operate directly out of the village.

The lively village centre with shops, bars, restaurants and apres ski venue is a popular meeting point for the young and the not so young after a day on the slopes.

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The conference venue....the elegant Hotel Tyrol

The magnificently appointed Hotel Tyrol, a family owned and run 4 Star Superior intimate establishment in the heart of Selva di Val Gardena, has a long tradition in the hospitality business. Founded in 1966 as one of the first hotels in the area, it has been able to reinvent itself over the years.

A deep passion for hospitality, attention to details and a pervasive family atmosphere make Hotel Tyrol a most prestigious establishment where nothing is left to chance.

Beautifully furnished rooms and suites, an exquisite well equipped wellness centre with indoor heated pool and an award winning restaurant are the key elements for a perfect stay at Hotel Tyrol.

Last but not least the closest lift and ski run only 50m from the hotel ski room!
The rooms

There are a variety of room categories (Single, Comfort, Superior, Superior Panorama, Junior Suite) all comfortable and suitable to singles, couples and families alike.

Comfort room (20sqm)

Superior and Superior Panorama rooms (32sqm)

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Hotel Tyrol is famous for its elegant restaurant run by award winning chef, state of the art a la carte menu and excellent wine cellar with resident sommelier.
The wellness and Spa centre

Hotel Tyrol offers its guests access to a large spa and wellness area including:
- Indoor heated pool
- Whirlpool tubs
- Saunas
- Fitness room
- Treatments & massage booths

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Skiing in Selva

With so much terrain to explore, it helps if you know where you’re going. Delegates will have their own private ski guides (6-8 skiers per group), to show them around, and importantly, to make sure you get back home in time for the afternoon conference session!

The 6 day program will include day trips to the ski areas of Val Gardena, Alta Badia, Val di Fassa, and Arabba- Marmolada.

It will include the opportunity to ski some of the more famous runs like the Sellaronda, Val Gardena downhill course, the world Cup Giant Slalom course in La Villa, the scenic ‘Hidden Valley’ at Lagazuoi, the 13 kilometre run from the top of the Marmolada glacier, etc

And of course, there will be stops for lunch...

Selva is also great for beginner and intermediate skiers who want to improve their skills on skier friendly terrain. There is easy access to some of the best teaching/learning slopes in the world. Wide, long, gentle, uncrowded, and perfectly groomed, ... perfetto!

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A great place for families & kids...

Selva is a very ‘family friendly’ ski destination. The resort provides a wide range of services and ski programs for children of all ages giving parents peace of mind.

**Kids ski areas:** There is a beginner/kids ski area right next to the hotel!

**Kinderland:** For young kids (2.5 – 4 year old) short day supervised fun program, including ski lessons.

**Ski lessons:** there is a variety of ski lesson/programs for children of all ages and skiing ability.

All day supervised VOT children only groups could be organised (minimum numbers apply), to allow parents’ hassle free ski days. Children’s ski programs are not included in the conference accommodation & ski package and would be quoted on request.

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Besides alpine skiing, the village of Selva offers a variety of activities for skiers and non-skiers alike:
- Snowshoeing
- Insight into the art of wood carving
- Tobogganing in the nearby Alpe di Siusi
- Cross-country skiing in the magical Vallunga
- Local dairy products discovery tours
- Ice-skating
- Cooking classes
- Photographic workshops
- E-fatbike tours
- Helicopter panoramic flights

Please note list of activities may change without notice.
Conference Accommodation & Ski Package....

The conference package includes:

- Group bus transfer from Venice Marco Polo airport to Selva
- Welcome drinks on arrival
- 7 nights accommodation (Comfort room, twin share)
- Breakfast and 4 course dinner daily (beverages excluded)
- Wine during conference dinner night
- Full use of the Spa & Wellness centre
- Wi-Fi access
- 6 consecutive day lift pass
- 6 consecutive day guided ski program
- Return group transfer to Venice Marco Polo airport

**EARLY BIRD Package:** $3,850 per person
**REGULAR Package:** $4,190 per person

**Optional activity:** Wine tasting night

**Note:** Package does not include local Tourist Tax payable directly to the accommodation when checking out. Packages will be individually costed to take into account any applicable discounts and specific accommodation (other room categories available), travel/transfer requirements. Ski hire is not included but can be arranged if required.

**Discounts:** apply for children 15 and under, and non skiers. Further discounts may apply at the time of booking. Adjustments for currency fluctuations may be necessary.

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Travel & Transfers

There are a number air travel and gateway city/airport options. The closest and most convenient arrival city is Venice, although other cities such as München, Verona, Bergamo or Milan are viable alternatives.

Group Transfers:
1pm, Saturday, 18 Jan - A private bus will depart Venice Marco Polo Airport and take delegates and families direct to Hotel Tyrol in Selva
8am (tbc), Saturday, 25 Jan - At the conclusion of your stay in Selva, a private bus will take delegates back to Venice Marco Polo airport.

Private and individual transfers: In addition to the group transfers, we would be pleased to discuss your personal preferences and assist with alternative transfer arrangements.
For further information on the conference programme:

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NOTE: Space is limited!
If you are interested in attending the conference please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can discuss your accommodation requirements.

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